BAR HILL NEWS

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Bar Hill Fete 2008

The 2008 Fete based on the 'forties' was undoubtedly the most successful fete since the event was introduced in 1972. Not only was the weather - apart from the odd gust of wind - perfect, but also the number of participants was a record. In addition, having two events running concurrently in the evening was an enormous success, many people staying on the village green until nearly midnight despite the cool wind.

The Bar Hill Fete is now one of the largest in south Cambridgeshire, and urgently needs more people to share in its organisation. Already, the theme for next year's Fete has been agreed, which will reflect food, music and culture from all over the world. The first meeting of the Fete Committee will take place in September. Anybody who is interested - and particularly residents from overseas - should contact Kirsten Goodfield on Kirstengoodfield26@hotmail.com.

On behalf of the Residents' Association Committee, I would like to express my deep appreciation and thanks to Kirsten and her husband, Paul, whose efforts and hard work in organising the Fete made it such a huge success. Thanks also to all those residents who helped on Saturday and who cleared up bags of bottles on Sunday morning —special thanks to Roy Childs.

Roger Hall
Hon Chairman
Bar Hill Residents' Association

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EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

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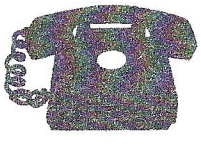

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Dear Editor,

I respect the views of Mr Lucas in respect of the design of church buildings but wonder whether he is consistent in his tastes or does he reside in a house with central heating, damp-proof course, double glazing and other mod cons. Medieval churches were built in the manner and taste of their time and were holy by their use and consecration and our traditional church down south cost a fortune to maintain. In fact it has been shored up for years being in serious danger of collapse.

I am a building professional, I belong to the historic buildings section of my society and so am well aware that structural problems abound in ancient buildings.

As for the quality of service, it is evident that Bar Hill is a success as there is always a large congregation present on Sundays. I have also attended Lolworth on occasion and found the experience most rewarding although there were only ten or so people present. I walked to Lolworth as it was Sunday and hope that Mr Lucas doesn't use a modern conveyance to reach his church.

Please note that I write as an individual, not as an official representative of the church in Bar Hill.

(name and address withheld)

Dear Editor

Following the letter in last month's BHN regarding the architecture of our church buildings I realised there might be a lot of people in Bar Hill unaware of the kind of church we have in the village. We are fairly unique, with Baptists, C of E, Methodists and URC all worshipping together on a weekly basis. Three or four times a year we also join with the Society of Friends for a Quaker service. Services are listed at the back of the Bar Hill news, each week following a different pattern of service to reflect the various denominations we are drawn from, but always with a focus on what we have in common.

It may not be the place for people wanting the same experience each week but all Christians, in Bar Hill and beyond, are welcome to come along and worship with us.

Wendy Caton

Dear Editor

Can I say a big thank you to the Residents' Association for a wonderful evening on July 5th, after the fete. Lovely music, wonderful entertainment and good company. We only decided at the last minute to go, as an afternoon at the Fete, with so much to do (what a wonderful exhibition Happy Hours put on) we felt was enough for one day. Those of you that missed it missed a great evening's entertainment: those of us that were there sang and danced and laughed all night.

More please.

Yours

Iris & Eric Lay & Joyce Smith.

Dear Editor

On Thursday 22 May after shopping in Tesco I was taken ill at the bus stop. Both my wife and myself were, as you can imagine, in a state of panic. Two people asked if they could ring for an ambulance. After their arrival they stayed with my wife until we went to Hinchingbrook hospital where I stayed for two days.

I am now thankfully home and on the way to recovery. Sadly we were only able to get their first names – Bob and Pat – and that they lived in Bar Hill. They did in fact ring us at home when we were at the hospital and said they would ring later but sadly haven't done do.

We would love to be able to thank them for the kindness and care they showed. We are both in our late seventies. Could they possibly get in touch with us again?

J Dean

Fenstanton

Dear Editor

Brian Webb's letter in July's issue of the BHN is another example of putting pen to paper before getting the facts when he accuses the Parish Council of taking no action over HGV's causing problems for the village. If he had bothered to check he would find that the Parish Council have been, and are, very concerned and are not only putting measures into place to try and alleviate the HGV problem in the residential areas of the village, but have made, and will continue to make, representations to the County Council and the Highways Agency who are ultimately responsible for providing an answer to the problem. These are not excuses but the reality of the situation.

I felt that he was being very mean spirited complaining about the vehicle being parked up in the Stonefield area for 3+ hours with mechanical problems. In such circumstances I think a bit of common sense is needed. However, if the Stonefield area is having ongoing problems with HGV's can I suggest he supplies photographic evidence to the Parish Council (as I have done for Robin Close/Gladeside), as the Parish Council needs the proof to pass on to the County Council. They will not accept verbal or written complaints.

John Doland

9 Robin Close

BIN COLLECTION DATES

6 August	Green bin and box
13 August	Black bin
20 August	Green bin and box
28 August (THURSDAY)	Black bin
3 September	Green bin and box

Dear Editor

On behalf of the Tesco Team "Tesco in the Community" stall at the village Fête we'd like to say what a great day we all had and how well it was organised. After the initial downpour whilst setting up our stall, the sun just shone all the time, even if it was a bit windy by late afternoon.

All of the goods on our stall were donated from our Bar Hill store, and any profits that we made were to be shared with our charity of the year which is Marie Curie Cancer Care and our store social club which organises trips, events and outings for all our staff, new and old. I would also like to add that we gave some of our goods to one of the local stalls at the Fête as we had rather a lot of items and they possibly hadn't been as well supported as they could have been by their own members.

But my main reason for writing this letter to the Bar Hill News is to say we were somewhat disappointed by comments we received from some of the more senior members of the community/village. Such as "How much are you making for Tesco today?", and when they were asked if they would like to have a go on our "Human Fruit Machine" (a winner with each and every go I might add!) their response was "Tesco get enough of our money already" …

We are not only members of staff at the store but long-time residents, one of us 30 years the other 25, and we felt we were looked at in a very negative way by some. Many local groups, organisations and schools regularly ask Tesco for support with their events and fund raising, most of whom get a positive response. Those of us that manned the stall on Saturday gave our free time to do so. There are also many local residents that are no doubt grateful to be employed by Tesco as it fits in well with their family commitments. So as the Tesco motto says "Every little helps" – it really did ring true on Saturday. It's just a shame that some residents are slightly deaf …

But as I said before, we had a fantastic day and great fun and thanks to all who contributed and we are now thinking ahead to next year … so here's to it.

Many thanks

Yours truly

Mrs Julie Dawson

Mrs Ruth Fordham

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If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Bobby Colver on 781662 or

Heather Wheeler on 781208. You can also find us on www.nwr.org.uk it's worth a look!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This has been a busy few weeks for our members. On the 25th of June we went by coach to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas. This Memorial is dedicated to those who have lost their lives in the service of our country since the end of the second world war.

On the 28th we attended a barbecue hosted by Mr Terry Barnes which was excellent. Our stall at the Fete raised over £200. Many thanks to all members who helped on the day and donated prizes. In the evening some of us attended the Spitfire Ball.

There was a group meeting in Swavesey on the 9th of July the speaker was Mrs J Childs on Rawanda.

As always we meet in the Church Hall on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Mrs M Shubotham
Tel: 781553 Sec

GREEN SOLUTION TO AN OILY PROBLEM

An exciting initiative to recycle used cooking oil to generate green electricity was launched in Cambridgeshire on Thursday, July 10, at 10 am. Cambridgeshire County Council, Donarbon Waste Management Ltd. and Living Fuels have teamed up with Anglian Water to launch the scheme. This initiative will help householders put their waste vegetable cooking oil to good use instead of pouring it down the sink which causes blockages costing Anglian Water more than £5 million a year to clear.

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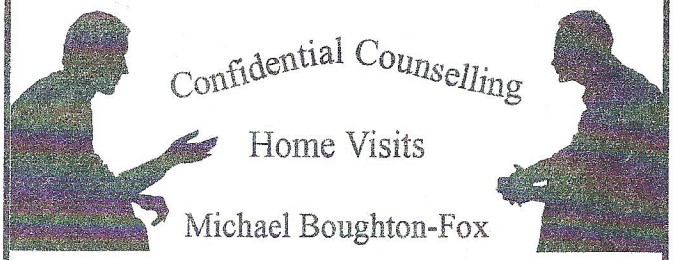

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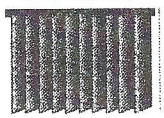
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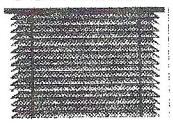
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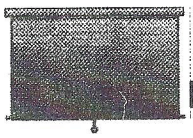
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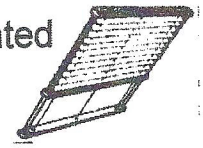
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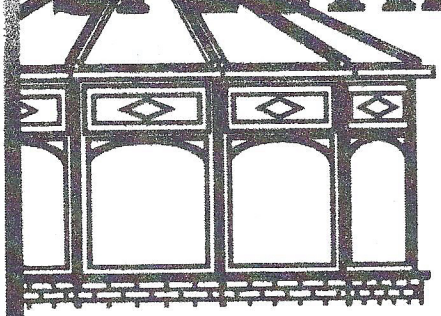

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CRICKET CLUB

A five-wicket haul for David Rush and another hard-hitting innings from Scott Stanford provided the highlight of the month for Bar Hill in an eight-wicket victory at Longstowe. Stanford hit 88 not out to see Bar Hill to 169 for 3 and victory, with help from Priyal Perera, who hit a rapid 29. Rush had earlier taken 5 for 29 in the hosts' innings.

Stanford took four wickets as Thurlow were beaten by 40 runs in a low-scoring league match. However, there were defeats to Cokenach and Great Shelford during the month as the first team continue to hold their own, without stringing a run of wins together.

The club also advanced to the quarter-finals of the Twenty20 Cup with an emphatic win over Needingworth. Steve Holt took three wickets as the hosts totalled 93 for 9, and Phil Pelling was 38 not out and Adam Dean 31 not out as Bar Hill won by nine wickets with more than nine overs to spare.

The seconds had another frustrating month, the weather and vagaries of the fixture list meaning they had only one match, at Blutisham. Jim Neal struck his first league half-century (51) and Pete Howard added 30, but the hosts got home by seven wickets with the help of a batsman more used to playing seven leagues above in the Cambs & Hunts Premier League.

In a rare friendly which survived the weather, Dean put in an amazing spell of 5 for 2 off three overs against Cambourne, who totalled 126. Mark Thompson then hit 38 and Martin Cullum 34, but Bar Hill eventually struggled over the line with only two wickets to spare.

In the youth section, the under-15's enjoyed an impressive 101-run win over Longstanton. Sam Clare hit 59, Ben Dugan 29, James Morris 27 not out and Dom Gedny 23 in Bar Hill's 183 for 5. Sam and Dom then took three wickets each as Longstanton were dismissed for 82.

They also beat Cottenham, but lost to Wilburton, despite Matt Churchley's spell of 5 for 8. Not to be outdone, Matt's brother Jason had figures of 5 for 14 against Cottenham, but could not prevent a three-wicket defeat.

They also lost to Wilbrahams, despite an unbeaten 25 by Ryan Stevens, but they recovered to beat Waterbeach and Histon, against whom Ryan took four wickets and Sam Clare hit 46 not out.

The under-12's' best performer was Matthew O'Sullivan, with a spell of 3 for 12 against Waterbeach.

Thanks to everyone who supported our barbecue at the village fête, and to Andy's Kars for donating the gas. Thanks also to the Residents Association for their help and support.

As ever, keep up to date with the latest news by visiting the club website, www.barhillcricket.org.uk

Remaining fixtures at the Village Green:

Sat 2: Whittlesford (first XI)
Thur 7: S Cambs Ospreys v South Cambs Herons (under-15 district match)
Sat 9: Sutton II (second XI)
Sat 16: USSC (first XI)
Sat 23: Little Downham (second XI)
Sun 24: Cambourne (friendly)
Sat 30: Bluntisham II (second XI)
Sun September 7: Helions Bumpstead (friendly)

Paul Stimpson
782475

FRIENDS OF BAR HILL LIBRARY

We had a very interesting talk in the Library about the Women's Land Army. The speaker, Stuart Antrobus, generated quite a few questions from the audience. He is publishing a book in October entitled "We wouldn't have missed it for the World" which promises to be quite a good read.

The coffee morning in July went off well. As so many people will be on holiday in August, the **bi-monthly booksale will now be on 4 October.** Coffee mornings as usual on the first Thursday of the month - the next one will be on 7 **August.**

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Sheila Mason

Children's Activities at the Library this summer

Sign up for Team Read, this year's exciting Reading Challenge

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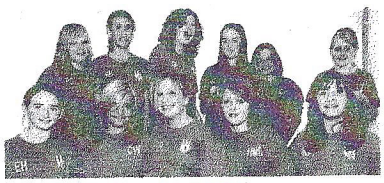
BARHILL COLTS F.C

A quiet time for the players as they recover and recharge their batteries for another exciting season. Managers and Committee members are all working hard to get players registered and planning pre-season training to kick off the 2008-2009 season.

SUMMER TOURNAMENTS

On Saturday 21 June the Under 11 team took part in the Huntingdon 5-a-side tournament and came away as winners! Well done to **Joseph Andrews, Daniel Cook, Jordan Cook, Josh Davies, Olly Eden, James Playle** and **Billy Pridgeon** who won their group, went on to beat Histon in a sudden death penalty shoot after a goalless semi-final before beating Ramsey in the final 2-0.

Also my Under12 Girls took part in the Mark Robinson Memorial tournament at St Ives where teams were invited to play in memory of the St Ives manager. A round robin took place playing each team twice, then the semis and final. A fantastic performance from the whole team showed us coming back from a goal down to winning 2-1 in just 10 minutes with both goals scored by **Chelsea Wills**. Against Comberton in the semis all the girls were committed and determined to show how they had improved from last year, unfortunately getting knocked out by overall winners by conceding in the last minute. The hosts were very complimentary of our improvements since last season with awards of players of the tournament going to **Ellie Hart** and **Nicole Brown.**



PLAYERS WANTED!

Our newly formed Under 8 team are looking for more any boys and girls to join their team. Please contact **Tim** the manager or **Janet Shanahan** (203592).

All teams would like to show their appreciation to their sponsors that allow players to look as professional as they have over the past season.

Steve's **Under 9 Bombers** give special thanks to their team sponsors-CPL Contract Services 24/7 Property Maintenance and Cleaning Management for their kit sponsorship and to Fish and Draughting Services-Roofing and Cladding Specialists for their rain jacket sponsorship

Rob's **Under 10's** enjoyed another successful season with thanks to their sponsors Bar Hill Taxi Service, Makeup Service, Cambridge Process Integration Ltd.

Darryn's **Under 11 Raiders** were sponsored by Tesco Extra, allowing them to enjoy a successful season - their first year in competitive colts football.

Domino UK Ltd along with Shelford Heating sponsored Vicky and Linda's **Under 12 Girls Spitfires.** The team would like to give their thanks for continued support through the last season - giving the girls the luxury of training kit, waterproofs and training equipment.

Honda has supported Tony's **Under 12 Rangers** by sponsoring their home kit last season.

Justin's **Under 13 Bulldogs** had a lot of support over that past season allowing them to buy a new home and away kit, waterproof jackets, training tops and holdall. Many thanks go out to their sponsors Marshall Van Centre, Vindis Skoda, Domino UK Ltd and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Cambridge Building Society and Tesco Extra both made donations towards the cost of setting up a refreshment stall on match days.

Jairo's **Under 15 Jets** would like to thank the following sponsors - First Light and Alan's Carpets for their generosity. An anonymous donation was also received which is greatly appreciated.

Ruth's **Under 15 Sapphires** have been supported all season by Kitchen Smiths allowing them to win the league and the cup for the second year running!!!

Barry's **Under 16** team give thanks to Kevin Brown & GEODESYS for their kind support for the kit, kit bags, training wear, and polo shirts etc for last season. The team look forward to another winning season at Under 17's with their continued support.

As age groups move up a year more players are welcome to join – please feel free to contact any of the following managers:

AGE	MANAGER	TEL
U7	Andy Barrett Matt Cundy	780844 780743
U8	Tim Parker	781060
U9	Roy Sloane	782264
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U11	Rob Humphreys	781583
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Web PAGE

We would like to welcome **Richard Page** who is to maintain our Club website, so please visit us on www.barhillcolts.org.uk

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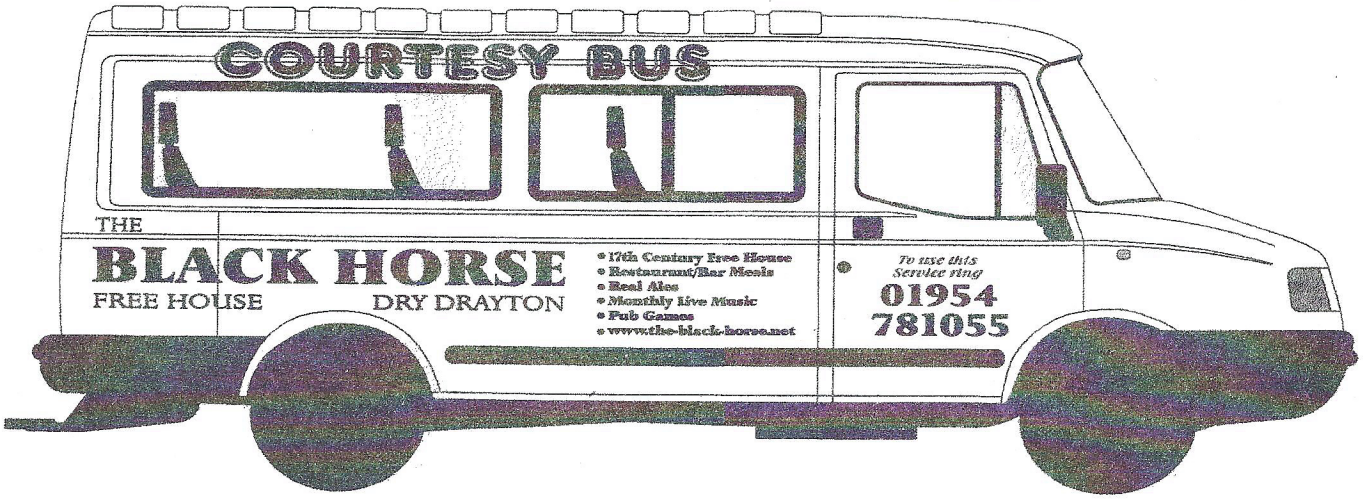

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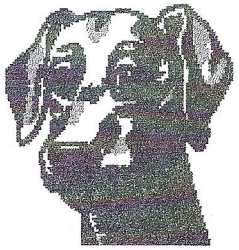

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The officers of the Management Committee are:

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Secretary	Paul Thorby
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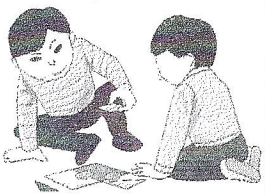
Parent and Toddler Group



Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time and are held in the Octagon. Both sessions provide a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).

The cost of each session is £1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder. Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes refreshments for both parent/carer and children.

For any more info' please call Hanna on 200232 or Lisa on 201902.

NEWS FROM TESCO

Paul Parsons, our **new store manager**, has been with the company for several years and has held a variety of positions. He is looking forward to being part of the Bar Hill team.

Our **ground control maintenance contractor** has changed to a new company. They are due to visit the site within the next few weeks. In the meantime we have ensured that all shrubs are at an acceptable height to meet health and safety requirements.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who supported our Human Fruit Machine team at the Fête on Saturday 5th of July. They had a great time and are looking forward to next year.

Thank you

Moira Rae-Jones
Customer Service Manager.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ROGER HALL'S REPORT

South Cambs set to 'keep it local'

A brand new independent housing association specifically for South Cambridgeshire is to be considered by Council tenants. The Council looked at three housing-association models including joining an existing housing association and forming a new group with another stand-alone association. A panel of tenants, officers and councillors were of the opinion that a stand-alone approach would satisfy the need for local independence and decision-making.

Village Services Booklet

A booklet containing information about village services and amenities has been put together by the Council. This is available to download as a PDF file.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BUNTY WATERS

RESIDENTS URGED TO HAVE A SAY ON POST OFFICES

South Cambs District Council is encouraging members of the public and local businesses to record their views on plans announced by Post Office Ltd to close six post offices in South Cambridgeshire. A consultation began on 8 July and will run until 26 August.

£10 million worth of payments are made to SCDC via the post office each year, as people pay council tax and rent for instance. Clearly people find this a convenient way to pay and the Council is concerned about how the loss of these post offices might affect these payments. Without a local post office residents will have to drive further to their nearest branch which ultimately will effect the environment through the increase in fuel emissions.

The six post offices earmarked for closure are:
Grantchester, Stulpfield Road

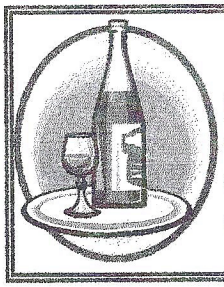
- Fen Drayton, High Street
- Impington, Station Road
- Arrington, Hardwick Arms, Ermine Way
- Elsworth, The Causeway
- Over, High Street

Information is available at: www.postoffice.co.uk/networkchange, by telephone on 08457 22 33 44 or by post at: National Consultation Team, Post Office Ltd, Freepost Consultation Team.

Events in South Cambridgeshire

If there is an event you know about or are organising, you can add it for FREE using this an event listing form, if you go to www.southcambs.gov.uk/events you will find a great deal of information on events in South Cambs. Events submitted will also be listed in the next edition of the South Cambs magazine (subject to being submitted a month in advance of the next quarterly edition).

I can be contacted on 201421/07734 690580 or bunty.waters@ntlworld.com



Sports and Social Club

For up to date information on what's happening at the Social Club visit www.bhssc.org.uk or ring 01954 781881

Report by Cambridgeshire County Councillor John Reynolds

Save Our Post Offices - Use it or lose it

The County Council, District Councils, Postwatch East, Cambridgeshire ACRE, business and rural community support partners, has been working behind the scenes to ensure that Post Office Limited had all the relevant information on the nature and needs of communities in advance of the closure announcement. Posters will be circulated to all communities on the closure list published by Post Office Limited with details of how the public can respond. Information is also available at: www.postoffice.co.uk/networkchange, by telephone on 08457 22 33 44 or by post at: National Consultation Team, Post Office Ltd, Freepost Consultation Team.

A14 Upgrade Progress

Many of you will have seen the cameras that have been erected recently along the A14. These are to count traffic numbers to support the development of the new road structure. To date Parish Councils and other authorities have had presentations on the upgrading. Revised draft plans are due to be presented in the autumn to be followed by a public consultation and a public enquiry. **Construction work is not due to start until late 2010 and to take 4 years.** I have continued to press for better noise and environmental protection for Bar Hill.

Bar Hill Roundabout, B1050. Accidents reduced

Over two years ago a new roundabout was completed to the north of Bar Hill, this was designed to reduce the 45 serious and slight personal injury accidents over the previous five years and reduce traffic congestion.

The "post-construction" accident data has now been released. Provisionally for the two year period to the end of April 2008, there were no personal injury accidents recorded at the roundabout since it was opened. The only accident recorded in the vicinity was a slight injury accident at the give-way junction south of the roundabout (leading onto the slip road to the A14).

Next Steps for Cambridgeshire Transport Commission

The County Council has set up a Transport Commission to look into solutions for tackling the growing problem of congestion in the Cambridge area. A mixture of key public sector bodies including the City and District Councils, Addenbrookes and also business leaders have been invited to join the Commission.

Tackling congestion is one of the biggest issues we face. The Council is absolutely committed to finding real, workable solutions to address the problems we face. The advice the Commission can provide us with will help with that. The Commission will bring a wide range of skills and experience to the table. We will need to look at any proposals that are made very carefully and when the Council makes any final decisions, they will need to take full account of the environment, the local economy and the needs of people living in Cambridgeshire.

Park and Ride

A new fleet of Euro IV standard buses replaced the existing fleet in September. An additional peak time bus has been put onto the Trumpington route and an extra bus has been added to the Sunday schedule on the red route. Trumpington now operates a 7-day service.

Late night services on Wednesdays started operating in the run up to Christmas. Thanks to partnership funding this will continue throughout 2008. We have linked up with Explorer magazine to install large plasma screens at Trumpington and Newmarket sites. These are installed within the waiting areas and feature rolling news, weather and advertisements. The equipment and technology was provided free of charge and ongoing maintenance costs will also be met by the supplier.

The new site at Milton (Butt Lane) is now under construction with an opening date of October. Plans for the opening of the Milton site are already being drawn up and will involve a free drive-in movie as part of the festivities.

A total of 6 spaces have been converted to disabled parking bays at Trumpington to increase the allocation to 24. Since the opening of the new John Lewis store the existing spaces are regularly filled for the first time since construction of the site.

Please report any faults with interactive signs or traffic signals by phone to the Contact Centre: Tel: 0845 045 5212

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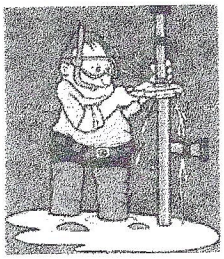

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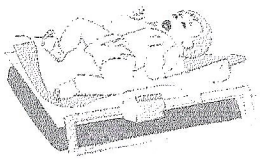
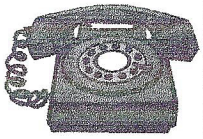


The Under Ones meet on a Tuesday, 10 till noon, in the Church Octagon (term time only). All are welcome – expectant and new mums, carers, grandparents, fathers. Refreshments are 50p. There are toys and books, and full changing facilities. It's a great chance to chat and relax, while babies sleep or play, and make new friends.

Contact Alwyn Keeves on 781050



Cam Sight Group in Bar Hill—can you help?

Bar Hill Visionaries was set up 5 years ago and is held in a community room in the Bar Hill Church . Visual impairment can sometimes mean isolation and loneliness and Cam Sight's aims are to take our services into the rural towns and villages to help prevent this. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month between 2 and 4 pm. We meet to chat to friends, enjoy talks, quizzes, outings and have access to advice and up to date equipment for people with sight problems. The Bar Hill Magazine is also available on tape through Cam Sight with the kind help of Camread and the editor of Bar Hill News. Please let us know if you are interested in this free service and we will happily add you to our list.

Due to expansion **we need volunteer drivers** to collect Bar Hill people for the group. **Can you help?** Cam Sight offers sighted guided training and the chance to work with a great team of people and **we pay a mileage allowance of 40p per mile.**

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Melanie	Call for more details	204496
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Coffee and Kids

Run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents/carers/ childminders of babies and pre-school children. Come and join us on Thursdays (term time only) in the Octagon (Church buildings) from 10 am – 11.30 am. £1.80 per adult. Price includes coffee/tea/hot chocolate for adults, soft drinks and healthy snacks for children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 201739 for more details.

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Children already attending or already registered with us will have received their special invites to come and look around on Weds and Thurs the **3rd and 4th of September**.

On **Friday 5th September** we are throwing open our doors to everyone, for the morning, where you are warmly invited to come and see what we are doing in our lovely new room! We will be on hand to show you around and answer any questions you may have. If you are thinking of pre-school for your child, this is an ideal opportunity for you to come and see for yourself what goes on!!

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10th December 2008
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John Reynolds

ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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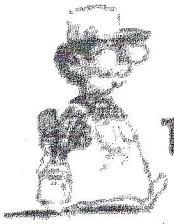

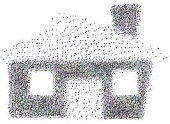

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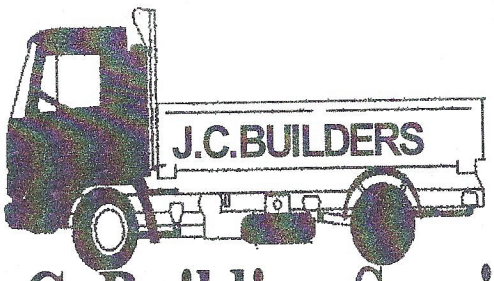

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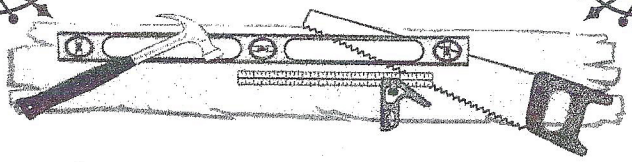

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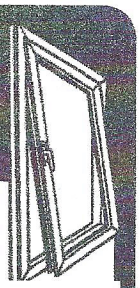

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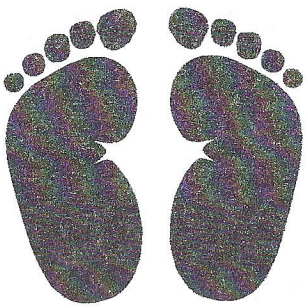

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Loan sharks and illegal money lenders have been known to use violence and threats on their victims who are often the most vulnerable and desperate members of the community. Illegal moneylenders, or loan sharks, are those without a credit licence

John Reynolds

Job Vacancy

Spymasters needs a Café supervisor to work at least one day at the weekend and possibly some early evening work (hours to be discussed) cooking hot meals for our parties.

You would ideally have some cooking experience (if only at home!) and need to be calm and organised. This job would be great for a mum wanting a few hours work or an older person who has the skills we need.

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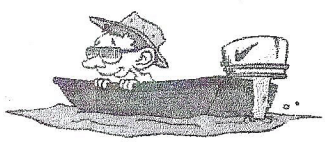
Did you get the answers to July's wordsearch?

Edinburgh, Freetown, Mexico, Ottawa, Paris, Quito, Reykjavik, Valletta and Zomba
Anagram: Salisbury

WHAT'S ON?

7th Coffee morning – Library
12th Storyteller in Library (for children)
14th NWR Research the colour green
26th Author/craft event in Library (for children)
28th British Legion meets
28th NWR Adoption discrimination

If you are going away—safe journey and enjoy!



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(Near the Health Centre and Octagon)
Tel: 780456
Email: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.
This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

For all you regular walkers out there
The County Council has produced a Countryside Access Map entitled "Walks and Rides around the Northstowe Hundred". A very interesting history of the local countryside and lots of pleasant walks and bike rides for you enthusiasts. If you would like a map please call in to the office as I have been given a substantial supply.

Theft
Please be aware that I have had a few residents inform me that their registration number plates have been stolen from their vehicles whilst parked overnight. Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious please call the police.

Project Funding
WREN is **inviting organisations to bid for funding** of between £75k and £125k for capital projects that will make a real difference to their community. This can include projects such as public parks, community centres, youth centres, play areas of all descriptions, nature reserves, recreation grounds and visitor centres.
To qualify the projects must be site-based and located within 20 miles of a landfill site. Contact 01953 717165 or email wren@wren.org.uk

Police Surgery
Karen Mahoney, our PCSO, is holding police surgeries in the Parish Council Office every third Wednesday in the month between 10 am and 12 noon. If you have any issues you would like to raise with the Police please come along and see her. No appointment necessary.

Parish Council Meetings
The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 18th September at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend. Please note there will be no meetings during the month of August due to Summer Recess, although the office will be open at the normal times.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Streetlights: 0800 253529 give the CC No. (written on post).
South Cambs District Council: (01223) 443000
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County Council (damaged paths and roads): (01223) 717111

Leigh Baffa
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Burglary Update – June/July 2008
I thought I would write to you all to let you know what we have been doing in the Community Safety Unit at Parkside Police Station.
As you know under Operation Promenade we are continuing to visit sheltered schemes and other residential areas during their coffee mornings to raise awareness regarding distraction burglary and rogue trading. .
In addition to the 'No Cold Calling' signs we have also marked personal property in homes with Smartwater. Smartwater is a liquid forensic coding system made with a non-hazardous coded mix of chemicals in a water based solution. The system is similar to DNA profiling, each unique solution can be identified and authenticated. Each item is marked with the solution and once dry it is virtually impossible to remove, even a tiny trace can be analysed for evidence.
Cambridgeshire Police and Trading Standards are thrilled that they have now registered their **50th trader** onto the Cambridgeshire County Council's Registered Trader Scheme. As you know we would always advise residents not to use traders who cold call but to obtain a trader from the above register. Anyone over 60 years of age can use this scheme. Call you local Age Concern number 01354 696650 for further details.
We are seeing a spate of walk-in thefts due to doors and windows being left open in the warmer weather. Items taken have included purses, wallets, mobile phones and car keys.
Please remember a burglar only needs a few seconds to gain entry and steal your property.
Try not to leave handbags, wallets and car keys lying around just inside the door, please take the time to place them out of sight in a safe place.
With thanks.
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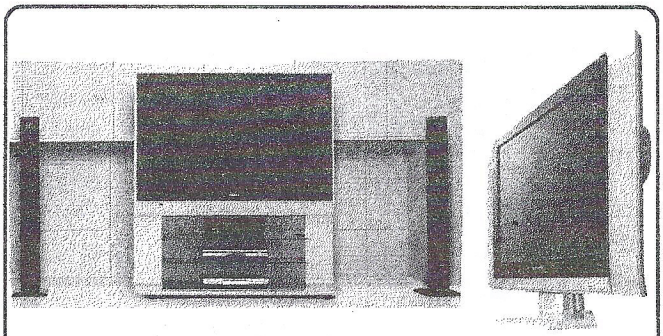

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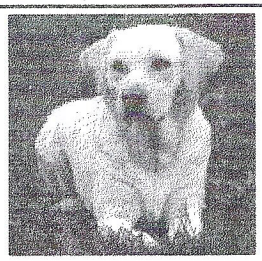

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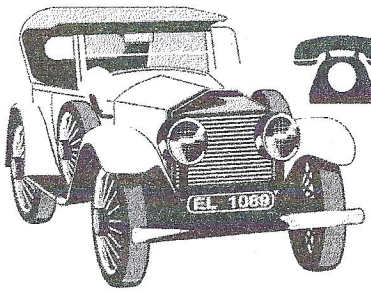
Should you require any further details please do not hesitate to call Amanda Bishop on 07903806750



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Our sessions provide the children with a wide range of activities from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft, and lots more or, if they wish, they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We can also use the safe environment of the school playground for outdoor activities.

During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc – as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, and we accept employers' childcare vouchers.

Session Times

After School 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday
School Holidays 8.15 am – 6 pm Monday – Friday
Closed on Bank Holidays

Hiring

These rooms are now available for hire to the community, at the discretion of the Committee. If you would like to hire The Playstation rooms please contact Patsie on 201079. If you would like to hire the pre-school room please contact Janine Swanser on 203095 or 07851803083. The kitchen and garden areas may also be hired out for an additional charge.

The current charges are:

	Charge/hour	Fixed price
Little Acorns main room	£7.50	
Playstation main room	£7.50	
Kitchen		£10
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There is a minimum hire charge of £25.

We currently have some vacancies, both after school and during the holidays. If you would like more information, an information pack or to arrange a visit, call Patsie on 201079 or 07921 541549.

Patsie Ostler
Bar Hill Out Of School Club

Bar Hill Pre-School

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Our new purpose built Pre-School attached to the Village Hall has bright and airy rooms and a large fully enclosed garden, providing a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment for children aged 2 - 5 years.

The aim of Bar Hill Pre-School is to provide high quality care and education by focusing on each individual child's ability, encouraging their development through Birth to Three matters and progressing to the foundation stage curriculum.

Our main emphasis is learning through play.

Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED. Our experienced, qualified Early Years team Sonya, Karen, Sarah, Pauline, Jacqui, Emma, Clare and Claire supervise our sessions.

Our Key worker system enables the early years team to meet the needs of each individual child through planning their own individual educational plan and next steps.

Subsidised places

We offer reduced sessions rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from your employer.

Early Years Funding

We can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday

This is our session for babies to Pre-School with Emma our Birth to Three Co-ordinator. We have lots of fun and a large selection of activities, including our new soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Session Times

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00 (rising fives)

We offer a lunch club 11.30 - 12.30 daily

For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 during session times or feel free to pop in and see us.

Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

Please note we are currently taking applications for 2008/09 entry

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⇒ If your card is retained by the cash machine contact your card issuer immediately.

⇒ If you think that you may have had your card cloned contact the bank immediately and cancel the card.

Going abroad with cards

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PCSO KAREN MAHONEY 7238

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Small groups with a total income of less than £50,000 a year can apply for grants of up to £3,000 each. They must be not for profit organisations and be doing work which directly benefits residents in the Cambridgeshire County Council area.

In addition, they must show they are in need of financial help, be properly managed and promote equal opportunities. Staff must also comply with Criminal Records Bureau checks where appropriate. The Small Grants Scheme is administered on behalf of the County Council by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and Young Lives. Application forms are available from the CCF and Young Lives websites or via e-mail or by telephone. See below for contact details.

The County Council is keen to support groups that have not previously applied and new groups just starting up. Match funding is not a requirement, but applicants will be expected to demonstrate that other sources of funding have been sought.

Application forms are available from:

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF)
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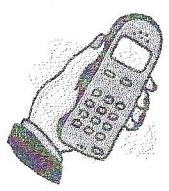

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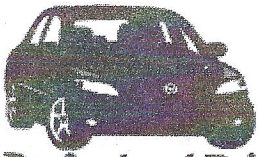

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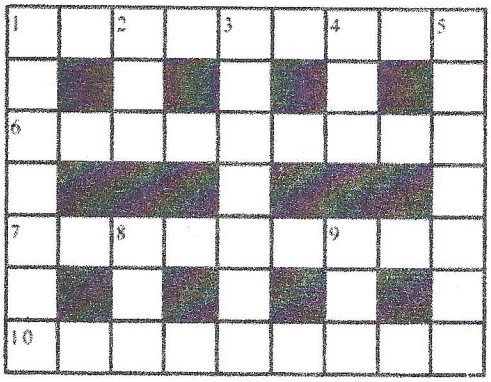

Clues for August

Across. 1. Eastern republic. 6. First principles. 7. Undecided. 10. Tomb.

Down. 1. Viennese composers. 2. Sleepy land. 3. Nelson perhaps. 4. Possess. 5. Intrinsic nature. 8. Drinking vessel. 9. The tree sounds burnt.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church -
Services for August 2008

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sunday 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Anglican)
Sunday 10th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 17th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Baptist)
Sunday 24th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	All-age Worship
Sunday 31st	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Note that there will be no evening service except on 31st

There is also a Roman Catholic Mass on Saturday evening at 6.00 pm

People to contact:

The Minister	Rev Ruth Adams	Tel: 78936
Church Centre Manager	Helen Cook	Tel/Fax: 206120

Website—www.barhillchurch.com

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs
Hills Road, Cambridge
(The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr Tony Rogers	Tel: 01223 350787
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop and Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre **Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday**

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday	8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday	6 pm First Mass of Sundays

Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday	6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday	10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

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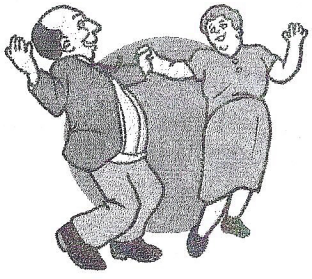

Happy Hours The Recycled Youth Club

What a splendid day we had for the village Fête on Saturday 5th July. After a few rain showers during the morning the sun appeared for quite a good afternoon. Our stall had over 200 prizes for an excellent tombola, and by the end of the day we were left with only ten, all the others having been won. Many thanks to Helen and Ken Collins who organised and set up the stall, and to the small band of members who helped throughout the day. The proceeds from the stall will help to subsidise the Happy Hours Christmas lunch early in December. Many thanks also to those of our members who provided prizes for the stall and who made every effort to attend and support the stall. Your efforts were much appreciated. Many thanks also to those of our members who supported the display of items and photographs for the 1940's theme which was held in the Village Hall, and also to Phyllis James who looked after our display. On Monday 7 July Terry Marshall presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Helen Collins from members of the Committee, as a gesture of their thanks for her organisation of the event.

Outings On Wednesday 25 June some 12 of our members joined a party of British Legion Members for a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum which is situated at Alrewas, Staffordshire. It is a large site covering 150 acres of young trees and memorials devoted to the concept of remembrance. The new Armed Forces Memorial is dedicated to those who have lost their lives whilst serving their country since the end of the last war. The site is also dedicated to all those who have lost their lives whilst serving in the Fire Service, the Police, the National Lifeboat Institution and other similar Services.

The site is open daily, with free admission, and includes a Visitor Centre with a good café, gift shop, toilet facilities, a Millennium Chapel, wood carving workshops and many other places of interest. Coach and car parking facilities are also well provided. The trip was organised by Terry Barnes who did a good job in organising transport for those with walking difficulties. The next outing for Happy Hours' members will be on Wednesday 6 August when we will be having a day out at Southwold. Let's hope that the weather will be better than in this month (so far).

Funeral The funeral of Beryl Cundy was held on Friday 27 June at the village Church, when many of our members, together with members of the Knit and Natter Club were present. It was a good send off to a lovely lady, who was well spoken of by the Revd Ruth Adams who conducted the service.

Speaker On Monday 16 June Rhona Boorman and her husband Robert visited the Club and gave us a talk on the activities of COPE, The Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise, whose offices are situated at 40 Stretten Avenue, Cambridge, CB4 3EP. COPE is an organisation set up to assist older people to know what help may be available in all walks of life, and is able to assist in pointing out which organisations can help in various circumstances. It was a most interesting talk, much appreciated by our members, to such an extent that 15 filled in forms to become a member of COPE. I might add that membership is free, but of course donations or support of fund-raising events are welcomed. COPE is a registered charity, and is a forum planning for the future for and by persons aged 50 and over.

Entertainment The Committee and members wish to thank Dennis Karlton for the great entertainment he has given with his electronic keyboard. His music is much appreciated by members who have enjoyed a good sing-along. Well done Dennis.

Obituary It is with much sadness that I have to report that Ted Shrimpton passed away at his home on Tuesday 8 July. Ted had been quite active, but did not have the best of health in recent weeks. We send our sympathy to his family, particularly his son Alan who is well known on the village.

Sickness We send our thoughts to Phil Gater who has recently suffered two minor strokes and has been in hospital for an operation. I hear that he is making good progress, and should shortly be back home. Best wishes Phil to both you and your wife.

Dennis Holt
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MESSAGE FOR SKATEBOARDERS

The Parish Council would like to hear from young people who use the Skate Park. One of the ramps needs some serious repair, which may cost as much as £6,000. The alternative is to dismantle this one ramp – spending available money repairing the other ramps. Please let the Parish Council know – either by a letter or email bhillpc-1@btconnect.com . If there is no evidence that it is needed, it will be dismantled.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are normally held on the second Monday of the month at the Parish Offices at 8 pm. The next meeting will be on 12 September.